

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/2006 AND END	
MM/DD/YY	MM/DD/YY
A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION	
NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: Meritus Financial Group, Inc.	OFFICIAL USE ONLY
ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)	FIRM I.D. NO.
645 Tollgate Rd., Suite 140	
(No. and Street)	
Elgin IL	60123
(City) (State)	(Zip Code)
NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO	THIS REPORT
	(Area Code – Telephone Number)
B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION	
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report*	PAOCESSED
Russell Novak & Company, LLP	JAN 2 2 2008
(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name	FINANCIA
(Address) 225 W. Illinois St., Suite 300, Chicag	(State) (Zip Code)
CHECK ONE:	
☑ Certified Public Accountant	SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
☐ Public Accountant	RECEIVED
Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.	NOV 2 7 2007
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	AND Q4 EXAMINATIONS

\*Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See Section 240.17a-5(e)(2)

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#### OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I,	Lynn Schmidt	, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of
my k	nowledge and belief the accompanying financial stat Meritus Financial Gro	ement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of oup, Inc., as
of _	December 31	20_06, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that
neithe	er the company nor any partner, proprietor, principa	d officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account
classi	fied solely as that of a customer, except as follows:	
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		Signature
		1 Signature
		President
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	Notary Public  report ** contains (check all applicable boxes):  a) Facing Page. b) Statement of Financial Condition. c) Statement of Income (Loss).	OFFICIAL SEAL HEATHER L. FRIEDEL NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF ILLINOIS My Commission Expires April 10, 2010
	d) Statement of Winksekin Khunkak Romining C	
	<ul> <li>e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or</li> <li>f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated</li> </ul>	
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□ (i		ted Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of
	) An Oath or Affirmation.	
	n) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report. n) A report describing any material inadequacies foun	d to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.
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#### MERITUS FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 2006

#### **ASSETS**

ASSETS Cash Receivable from brokers - dealers	\$ 73,656 20,385
Total Assets	\$ <u>94,041</u>
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY	
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Accrued expenses and accounts payable	\$ <u>26,949</u>
Total Liabilities	26,949
STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY Common stock - no par value; 30,000 shares	
authorized; 1,000 shares issued and outstanding	1,000
Additional paid in capital Retained earnings	59,000 <u>7,092</u>
Total Stockholder's Equity	67,092
Total Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity	\$ <u>94,041</u>

#### MERITUS FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

REVENUE Commissions	\$ <u>407,385</u>
EXPENSES	
Management fees	287,021
Clearing costs	63,235
Commissions	4,763
Technology cost	1,935
Office expense	29,431
Professional fees	9,100
Regulatory fees and dues	5,988
Advertising and marketing	50
Dues & subscriptions	1,045
Charitable contributions	5,075
Insurance	903
Miscellaneous expenses	280_
Total Expenses	408,826
NET LOSS FROM OPERATIONS	( 1,441)
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)	<u>2,513</u>
NET INCOME BEFORE TAXES	1,072
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES	( 52)
NET INCOME	\$ <u>1,020</u>

## MERITUS FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN LIABILITIES SUBORDINATED TO CLAIMS OF CREDITORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

BALANCE - JANUARY 01, 2006	\$ -
ADDITIONS (DEDUCTIONS)	
	 -
BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 2006	\$ -

## MERITUS FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

	Common Stock		Additional Paid in <u>Capital</u>		Retained Earnings	
BALANCE - JANUARY 01, 2006	\$	1,000	\$	59,000	\$	6,072
Capital contribution during the year ended December 31, 2006		-		-		-
Net income for the year ended December 31, 2006			_	<u> </u>		1,020
BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 2006	\$	1,000	\$	59,000	\$	7,092

#### MERITUS FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES  Net income  Adjustments to reconcile net income to net	\$	1,020
cash provided by operations: (Increase) decrease in assets: Accounts receivable Due from officers Increase (decrease) in liabilities:	(	14,188) 654
Accrued expenses and accounts payable Net Cash provided by Operating Activities		26,660 14,146
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	_	
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
NET INCREASE IN CASH		14,146
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	_	59,510
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	\$ <u></u>	73,656_
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION Cash paid for state replacement tax	\$ <u></u>	52

#### MERITUS FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2006

#### Note 1 - <u>Organization</u>

Meritus Financial Group, Inc. (the Company) was incorporated in the State of Illinois on June 11, 1997. Registration as a broker-dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission became effective February 2004. Currently, the Company operates as an introducing licensed broker-dealer with its principal location in Elgin, Illinois.

#### Note 2 - Significant Accounting Policies

The Company uses the accrual method of accounting. Customer transactions are cleared on a fully-disclosed basis through another broker-dealer. Commissions and related clearing expenses are recorded on a trade-date basis as transactions occur.

The Company, with the consent of its shareholder, elected to be an S-Corporation under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. Instead of paying corporate income taxes, the shareholders of an S-Corporation are taxed individually on their proportionate share of the Company's taxable income. Therefore, no provision or liability for federal income taxes has been included in these financial statements. The Company is responsible for paying Illinois state replacement tax on the Company's taxable income.

The Company considers all highly liquid debt instruments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Furthermore, the Company maintains its cash in accounts at various financial institutions. The balances, at times, may exceed federally insured amounts. Management periodically reviews the financial stability of these institutions.

The Company expenses advertising costs as incurred.

#### Note 3 - Net Capital Requirements

Pursuant to the net capital provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company is required to maintain a minimum net capital, as defined under SEC rule 15c3-1. Net capital may fluctuate on a daily basis. As of December 31, 2006, the Company had net capital and net capital requirements of \$66,018 and \$5,000, respectively. The net capital rules may effectively restrict the payment of cash dividends.

#### Note 4 - Pervasiveness of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### MERITUS FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2006

#### Note 5 - Related Party Transactions

The Company shares office space with another company affiliated by common ownership. All rent and associated occupancy costs were paid entirely by this affiliated company on behalf of Meritus Financial Group, Inc. Beginning in January 2006, Meritus Financial Group, Inc. pays this affiliated company \$2,430 per month for its share of these costs. These costs are included as office expense on the statement of operations. Additionally, this affiliated company pays commission expense on behalf of Meritus Financial Group, Inc. In December 2006, Meritus Financial Group, Inc. paid this affiliated company \$4,763 as reimbursement for commission expense paid in 2006. As of December 31, 2006 there were no amounts included in the assets or liabilities of Meritus Financial Group, Inc. pursuant to this reimbursement agreement.

The Company reimburses a common paymaster (affiliated through common ownership) for salaries and other operating expenses. These costs, which are included as management fee expense in the statement of operations, total \$287,021 as of December 31, 2006. Of this amount, \$23,938 is recorded as a liability of Meritus Financial Group, Inc. as of December 31, 2006, pursuant to this reimbursement agreement.

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

#### Russell Novak & Company, LLP

Certified Public Accountants • Business Consultants



To the Board of Directors Meritus Financial Group, Inc.

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplemental material of Meritus Financial Group, Inc. (the Company), for the year ended December 31, 2006, we considered its internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and supplemental material and not to provide assurance on internal control.

Also, as required by rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company including tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness (or aggregate debits) and net capital under rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

- 1. Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons.
- Recordation of differences required by rule 17a-13.
- Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.



Our consideration of internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters relating to internal control that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of the specific internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2006, to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, management, the SEC, the NASD, and other regulatory agencies that rely on rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Russell Novak & Company, LLP

January 25, 2007

### FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL COMBINED UNIFORM SINGLE REPORT PART II

as of: December 31, 2006 **BROKER OR DEALER:** Meritus Financial Group, Inc. COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL 3480 67,092 1. Total ownership equity (from Statement of Financial Condition - Item 1800) 0 3490 2. Deduct: Ownership equity not allowable for net capital 67,092 3500 3. Total ownership equity qualified for net capital 4. Add: A. Liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors allowable in computation of net capital 0 3520 0 3525 B. Other (deductions) or allowable credits (List) 67,092 3530 5. Total capital and allowable subordinated liabilities 6. Deductions and/or charges: A. Total non-allowable assets from 3540 Statement of Financial Condition (Notes B and C) 1. Additional charges for customers' and 0 3550 non-customers' security accounts 2. Additional charges for customers' and 3560 non-customers' commodity accounts 0 B. Aged fail-to-deliver 3570 3450 1. Number of items 0 C. Aged short security differences-less 0 3580 3460 reserve of 0 3470 number of items D. Secured demand note deficiency 0 3590 E. Commodity futures contracts and spot commodities 0 3600 proprietary capital charges 0 3610 F. Other deductions and/or charges 0 3615 G. Deductions for accounts carried under Rule 15c3-1(a)(6),(a)(7) and (c)(2)(x) 3620 0 H. Total deductions and/or charges 0 3630 7. Other additions and/or allowable credits (List) 67,092 3640 8. Net Capital before haircuts on securities positions 9. Haircuts on securities: (computed, where applicable, pursuant to 15c3-1(f)): A. Contractual securities commitments 0 3660 B. Subordinated securities borrowings 0 3670 C. Trading and Investment securities: 1. Bankers' acceptances, certificates of deposit and commercial paper 0 3680 0 3690 2. U.S. and Canadian government obligations 0 3700 3. State and municipal government obligations 0 3710 4. Corporate obligations 0 3720 5. Stocks and warrants 0 3730 6. Options 0 3732 7. Arbitrage 1,074 8. Other securities 3734 0 3650 D. Undue concentration 0 3736 (1,074)3740 E. Other (list)

10. Net Capital

66,018

3750

# MERITUS FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. RECONCILIATION OF UNAUDITED NET CAPITAL COMPUTATION TO AUDITED NET CAPITAL AND UNAUDITED AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS TO AUDITED AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS DECEMBER 31, 2006

NET CAPITAL PER UNAUDITED COMPUTATION	\$	86,657
Adjustment for additional assets		5,799
Adjustment for additional accrual	<u>_</u>	26,438)
NET CAPITAL PER AUDITED COMPUTATION	\$	66,018
AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS PER UNAUDITED COMPUTATION	\$	511
Adjustment for additional accrual	_	26,438
AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS PER AUDITED COMPUTATION	\$	26,949

